

## **Coffman Receives Spirit of Enterprise Award from U.S. Chamber**

*Lauded for Pro-Business Record*

**(WASHINGTON)** — Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) has been honored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and presented with the Spirit of Enterprise Award for his pro-business record during the first session of the 111th Congress.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the economic engine that drives job creation. I’m honored to be recognized by the U.S. Chamber for fighting to promote the interests of small businesses across the country. As a former small business owner I know firsthand the hardships and challenges they face and will continue to work tirelessly on their behalf,” Coffman commented.

Eligibility for the award is based on how Members of Congress vote on key business issues, which the Chamber outlines in its annual publication *How They Voted*. “The Chamber applauds Representative Coffman for supporting the private sector and job growth through these difficult times,” said Thomas J. Donohue, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber. “He has demonstrated great courage and we commend him.”

The Chamber scored Congress on 7 Senate and 15 House votes in 2009, including the economic stimulus package, legislation to promote the U.S. as a travel destination abroad, and both the House and Senate healthcare reform bills.

To view a complete list of the 2009 Spirit of Enterprise recipients, please visit [www.uschamber.com/soe](http://www.uschamber.com/soe)

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